

Continuing
"The Golden Age
of Boxing,"
W. H. MILLIER to-day
talks of

BOXING FREAKS — BUT THEY BEAT THE WORLD

MANY of the great champions **THE IDEAL TYPE.**

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Peter Jackson was well-proportioned, and there was nothing freakish about him, either physically or mentally. Jack Johnson was also splendidly built. His fine physique was capped by brains, and there was nothing abnormal in his make-up.

To take the most accomplished boxer I ever saw, namely, Jim Driscoll, here was the most commonplace figure of all. He would have been lost in any crowd, and the only thing at all noticeable about him was his ever-ready smile and cheery disposition. No, there was certainly nothing freakish with Driscoll.

The fact that there has been something freakish about many of the ring's most outstanding figures has had its effect in making some people think that it is essential to have some physical abnormality, but this is not true.

Bob Fitzsimmons was able to win the world's heavy-weight championship when he was no man more than a middle-weight in build. This was because his build was inclined to be freakish. Above his waistline he was a big heavy-weight in build, but below the waist he was abnormally small. His legs were mere spindles. He may give a number of instances where it was required for box-

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If one could breed a boxer to a definite type, as breeders evolve particular classes in horses and cattle, the aim would be to produce just such a specimen as Fitzsimmons.

His strength and hitting power were tremendous; his skill was superb, and he was as fast on his feet as a lightweight. No ordinary middle-weight could hope to compete on level terms with him because of his abnormal build, quite apart from his exceptional skill.

With all these advantages, Fitzsimmons never neglected his training. He cunningly allowed stories of his lackadaisical methods of working to leak out from time to time, in order to hoodwink the opponent he was preparing to meet, and many a heavy-weight has been a sadder, if wiser, man afterwards for building too much on the carefully disseminated tales of Fitzsimmons and his easy way of training.

It can be taken as a truism that in the ring that a well-trained champion, and in due course I may give a number of instances in which this has been proved in painful fashion for the champion.

Yet with all these remarkable attributes Griffo played ducks and drakes with his life when at the peak of his fame. There is the story of his fight with Ike Weir, a famous lightweight who won a big reputation in the United States.

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quote an exception to prove the rule made by known as the Belfast Spider. Griffo was matched to box Weir at Chicago in a contest that had attracted more than ordinary interest. On the afternoon of the fight the Australian just vanished, and his friends were unable to find him. Directly the promoter heard the alarming news he was perturbed at the prospect of being compelled to call off the show, and sought the aid of the police in finding the missing boxer.

About four o'clock a couple of plain-clothes men found him leaning against the bar of a low dive, as drunk as anyone could be, and utterly oblivious to time, responsibility, or anything else.

When the "D's" deposited their dilapidated heap in the promoter's office, that impreario didn't know whether to feel pleased or sorry that the police had succeeded in their search; but he had a brain-wave, and calling to a couple of his henchmen, he told them to take the unconscious Griffo to the Turkish baths. There they worked like Trojans on the Australian boxer. They boiled him and baked him alternately, and kept him close-heeled until it was time for him to take his place in the ring.

By that time Griffo was sufficiently sober to be able to distinguish the referee from his opponent, but the whisper soon went round that the Australian was in no condition to fight. Bets were hedged and odds were laid against Griffo that never could have been thought possible in other circumstances.

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"I WILL tell you how Vaudrey had his throat cut," said Father Brown quietly to the barber.

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"And—in that moment of time, he saw in the inner room the razor you had just laid down and the yellow-white hair of Sir Arthur in the barber's chair; it took but an instant for him to pick up the razor and cut the throat and come back to the counter. The victim would not even be alarmed at the razor and the hand. He died smiling at his own thoughts. And what thoughts!

"It was done so quietly and quickly that Mr. Smith here could have sworn in court that the two were together all the time.

"You had quarrelled with your landlord about rent; you came back into your shop to find your enemy murdered in your own chair, and with your own razor. It was not unnatural that you despaired of clearing yourself, cleaned the floor, threw the corpse into the river at night, in a potato sack, rather loosely tied. Oh! There's no longer need for you to be frightened."

And Father Brown passed placidly through the outer

THE VANISHING OF VAUDREY

By G. K. CHESTERTON

shop, followed by the wondering Smith, and leaving behind the barber, stunned and staring.

The priest was like a man staring down into an abyss.

"Merciful God," he said, "what a horrible revenge!" He thought for a while, and then said, as if talking to himself:

"What a horrible tale of hatred! What a vengeance for one mortal worm to take on

"What!" exclaimed the secretary. "A man creeps up and cuts another man's throat and you call it self-defence!"

"I do not call it justifiable self-defence," replied Father Brown. "I only say many a man would defend himself against an appalling calamity or crime.

"You assume," said the priest, "that the poor man was blackmailing the rich. But—

TO-DAY'S PICTURE QUIZ



Good heavens! Only two. Now, if the whole family of badgers had been there we would have called them a Down, Cete, Lepe, Skulk, or perhaps a litter of them. Which? Answer to Picture Quiz in No. 172: Gene Tierney.

MIXED DOUBLES

Two words meaning the same thing ("comic" and "funny," for instance) are jumbled in phrase (a); and two words with opposite meanings (e.g., "past" and "future") are mixed in phrase (b).

(a) DRY TO SCALE.
(b) FILMED ERIC.

(Answers on Page 3.)

WANGLING WORDS—129

1.—Place the same two letters, in the same order, both before and after ONOCLAST, to make a word.

2.—Rearrange the letters of EVE'S GRAND, to make a town.

3.—Altering one letter at a time, and making a new word with each alteration, change: FREE into KICK, WASH into BOWL, BODY into BELT, SLOW into WORM.

4.—How many four-letter and five-letter words can you make from CONSERVATIVE?

Answers to Wangling Words—No. 128

1.—EDGED.
2.—LITTLEHAMPTON.
3.—PLANE, PLANS, CLANS, CRANS, CRASS, CRESS, TRESS, TREES.

BOOK, COOK, CORK, CORM, WORM.
SMILE, SMITE, SPITE, SPIRE, SPORE, SNORE.
LAMBS, LAMPS, CAMPS, CARPS, CARES, TARES, TARTS, WARTS, WAITS, WALES, TAILS.

4.—Some, More, Roam, Lash, Cash, Lyre, Mare, Ream, Meal, Lame, Race, Care, Rose, Sore, Male, Char, Lose, Sole, Clay, Clam, Ache, Each, Acre, Year, etc.

Rhyme, Cream, Charm, March, Chose, Shale, Leash, Roach, Reach, Close, Loach, Holes, Moles, Coals, Larch, Shore, etc.

JANE



SKYLARK
WAGTAIL
JACKDAW
SPARROW
SWALLOW

Answer to Dickie Bird Puzzle in No. 172.

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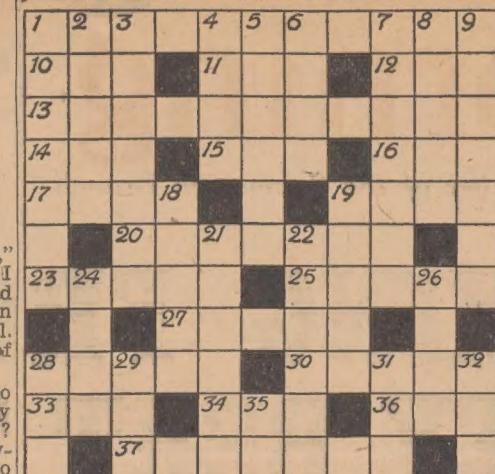
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What were their ages?

(Answer on Page 3.)

CROSSWORD CORNER



CLUES ACROSS.
1 Standing fair.
10 Affliction.
11 Despoil.
13 Established custom.
14 Interval.
15 Obtain.
16 Limited.
17 Fluent.
19 Besides.
20 Timber support.
23 Dull.
25 Travels by train.
27 Man-servant.
28 Storage pits.
30 Round fruit.
33 Fuss.
34 Fish.
36 Drink.
37 Wild duck.

SCOPE	FLIRT
PALAVER	DAW
UNITE	IRENE
RV	NAG
AGE	TEEM
TEEM	FILLET
X	ABODE
ASTER	TASTER
ANT	TOSH
YORKERS	IMPLDED
LEEDS	FO
TINGE	DIANA

CLUES DOWN.

1 Drank. 2 Of musical pitch. 3 Space for rest. 4 Conceited one. 5 Big inns. 6 Border upon. 7 Broiled. 8 Islets. 9 Submits. 18 Cheer. 19 Pick. 21 Obliterated. 22 Three-fold. 24 Incursion. 26 Peer. 28 Utter. 29 Humble. 31 Doubled. 32 Tree. 33 For instance.

WIT SHARPENER

Two local mothers and their daughters each had a living husband. Together they had three husbands. How was this possible?

Solution on Page 3.

QUIZ

For today



1. The largest lake in Great Britain is—Windermere, Bala, Derwentwater, Loch Lomond, Loch Katrine?
2. Who wrote (a) "The Biglow Papers," (b) "The Yellowplush Papers"?
3. Which of the following is an intruder, and why: Folkestone, Dover, Hartlepool, Grimsby, Cardiff, London?
4. What is the plural of eisteddfod?
5. Who said, "Filthy lucre"?
6. What is the speed of a hard penalty kick at football?
7. Which of the following are mis-spelt: Galantine, Gnomogram, Hygeine, Irrevocable, Lusent, Obtund?
8. How many words are there in the Bible?
9. Who is Sir Toby Belch?
10. Correct: "I am the ruler of my fate, I am the captain of my soul." Who wrote it?
11. James Watt invented the steam engine in 1761, 1771, 1781, 1791, 1801?
12. What is meant by Sursum corda?

THE END

From "The Secret of Father Brown."

By G. K. Chesterton.

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ODD CORNER

WHEN the Loch Ness monster was reported in 1934 and thousands of people travelled up to Scotland to get a glimpse of this fabled extinct creature, the "Berliner Illustrirte Zeitung" cashed in on the rumour with an elaborate hoax. Under the headlines, "Captured at Last! Loch Ness Monster brought to Edinburgh," they printed fake photographs of a beast 100 feet long, "with a 25-foot tail, and weighing 36 tons," being caught in a huge steel net. Two tug-boats waited to head the monster back to land should it make a dash for freedom, and another picture showed the creature being exhibited in Edinburgh. The date of this hoax was April the First.

Answer to Quiz

in No. 172

1. Light carriage.
2. (a) N. Hawthorne, (b) Dickens.
3. Ebony will not float; the others will.
4. Liverpudlian.
5. Job.
6. 18.
7. Cummerbund, Flamingo.
8. 7.
9. Character in Shakespeare's "Hamlet."
10. "Of parting day." Thomas Gray.
11. 1534.
12. Where are you going?

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BEELZEBUB JONES



BELINDA



POPEYE



RUGGLES



GARTH



JUST JAKE



News from Nowhere

By ODO DREW

HITLER SEES RED LIGHT.

To those who can read between the lines, the most heartening news of the week is that Hitler has become President of the German Society of Model Locomotive Engineers.

It will be remembered how, in the early days of Fascist power, Britishers were thrilled by the news that Italian railway trains were running to time, and it was felt that Mussolini was doing a good job of work. Also, how the fact that the late King Boris would drive a railway engine whenever he got the chance, at once raised him to a height of popularity unattained by any other foreign royalty.

Hitler's advisers feel, no doubt, that his latest step is bound to raise doubts in the minds of even his bitterest opponents as to whether he can be so black as he is painted. Or, in other words, is any man who loves railway engines wholly bad?

DRAKE'S DRUMS.

A WIDELY signed petition has been forwarded to the Prime Minister, protesting against the use, by a dance band, of Drake's Drums. Public opinion, it is stated, has been deeply incensed that these instruments, which might be required at any moment to fulfil their original purpose of "drumming up the Channel," should be displayed in a suburban Palais de Danse.

A DASTARDLY PLOT.

SCOTLAND YARD announces that an arrest has been made in connection with the dastardly plot to blow up the House of Commons. Superintendent Peeler, one of the Big Five, discovered a man acting in a suspicious manner with a lighted torch among barrels of gunpowder in one of the cellars underneath the House. With characteristic promptitude he took him into custody. It is understood that the arrested man, a Fascist named Guido Fawkes, will be brought up at Bow Street later in the day.

PROPAGANDA.

THERE has lately been an increase in the number of newspapers produced by the M. of I. dealing with Allied post-war plans. They are distributed by aeroplane all over the world. The newest ones go to deaf and dumb Dervishes, bandy-legged Bermudians, bald Basutos, blind Bolivians, and senile Syrians. The special needs of various trades have not been neglected, and a monthly sheet for Lampedusian laundresses is in preparation.

EVENING CLASSES.

THERE is a great boom in evening classes, and a wide variety of subjects is being taught. Young and old alike show much enthusiasm, as is instanced by the results of the recent L.C.C. examination at Streatham. The first prize for embroidery went to a 22-year-old bank clerk, Montague Moneypenny. Mrs. Hardie Evergreen, an 80-year-old grandmother, was first in carpentry (furniture making section).

HE WON'T GET AROUND SO MUCH.

THE lecture-tour arranged in the United States for Ronald (I Get Around) Richards has been cancelled. It was discovered that, owing to a mistake on the part of his agent, the American dates clashed with a long-standing engagement of Richards' to attend the autumn school of the Windmill Theatre Mothers' Help and Fireside-Loving Girls' Club. When the error was discovered, I-Get-Around, determined not to disappoint his girl fans, promptly cabled New York that he would be unable to leave this country.

CIVILIAN COMFORTS FUND.

IT is gratifying to know that, not only are the Services aware of the increasing hardships so nobly borne by civilians, but that this feeling of sympathy has led to active help. In a letter to the Editor of "Good Morning" the Secretary of the "Comforts for Civvies" Fund states that he is appealing to all three Services to do whatever they can to provide civilians with gifts. In expressing his thanks to Odo Drew for consenting to act as hon. treas., he states that all gifts in money, and all wines, spirits and tobacco, should be sent to Odo, post paid.

Answers to Puzzles on page 2.

Mixed Doubles.

(a) DEAR & COSTLY.
(b) MILD & FIERCE.

Allied Ports
NEWHAVEN

WIT SHARPENER

The women were: Grandmother, mother and daughter.

Numerical	
27	7
20	6
14	5
9	4
5	

75 . . . an average of 15.

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"I'm not exactly looking down on you old chap, but even at Crufts you're not in the same class as I am."



A YAWNING CHASM

"Aw nuts. It's closing time at the sea-elephant pool. Why the heck can't I yawn? I'm bored stiff with visitors."

SOTHERN BELLE



Yes it's M.G.M. Star, Ann Sothern, enjoying the sunshine at her Beverly Hills home

"Gee, this teething business is a problem. Here am I biting this ring and not a thing happens. Now, if only it was made of milk chocolate—but of course they wouldn't give it to me then."



This England

Even "Rookery Nook" seems devoid of comfort. Let's go home to the warm fireside.

SHIP'S CAT SIGNS OFF

"If I only had wings."

